

REMARKS

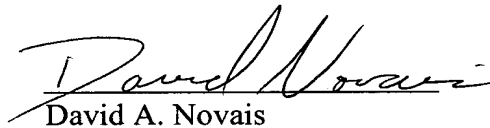
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 and 21-23 are pending in the present application. Claim 20 has been cancelled by the present amendment. Claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) for the reasons set forth on page 2, paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Claims 1-19 and 21-23 were indicated as being allowable over the art of record.

For the purpose of placing the present application in condition for allowance, the present amendment cancels claim 20, thus maintaining allowed claims 1-19 and 21-23 pending in the present application.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice of allowability is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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